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 Eiichi SANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2853
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 Application No.: 09/057,502) Examiner: C. Hallacher
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 For: INK JET PRINTER CAPABLE OF)
 FORMING HIGH DEFINITION)
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 12, and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 9, and 17 as follows:

1 1. (Amended) An ink jet printer ejecting a plurality
2 of kinds of ink droplets of different sizes from a single
3 nozzle depending upon data to be printed, thereby forming an
4 image on a prescribed recording medium using dots of sizes
5 corresponding to the sizes of the ink droplets, comprising:
6 a smoother for performing a smoothing process using a dot
7 smaller than a dot forming said image; and
8 a controller for controlling said smoother to print a
9 center of said smaller size dot close to a center of said

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